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ORDER NO. 3612

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners: Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;

Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;

Mark Acton; and Tony Hammond

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 65 (MC2013-63)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2013-83

ORDER GRANTING SECOND MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued November 15, 2016)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire November 22, 2016. On November 14, 2016, the Postal Service filed a motion for temporary relief, seeking a 30-day extension to allow the existing contract to remain in effect, or until such time as the successor contract has been approved by the Commission.²

¹ The referenced expiration date reflects an extension of the original expiration date of October 23, 2016. Docket Nos. MC2013-63 and CP2013-83, Order No. 1854, Order Adding Priority Mail Contract 65 to the Competitive Product List, October 23, 2013, at 5; *see also* Order No. 3568, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief, October 17, 2016, at 2.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, November 14, 2016, at 1 (Motion).

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The Postal Service states that it has been working cooperatively with the customer on a successor contract, but they have not yet finalized the agreement. See Motion at 1. The Postal Service expects to reach an agreement within the next few weeks. *Id.* It therefore seeks an additional 30-day extension of the Existing Agreement. *Id.*

The Commission grants the Motion. The brief extension is in the public interest, as it will not impair the ability of the Existing Agreement to comply with 39 U.S.C. § 3633, will avoid disruption in contract administration, and will not prejudice any person. Consequently, the Existing Agreement is modified to continue through December 22, 2016, or until a successor agreement is approved by the Commission, whichever occurs first.

It is ordered:

The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed November 14, 2016, is granted as discussed in the body of this Order.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble Secretary